Minutes

Of The

One Hundred Sixty Seventh

Annual Session

Of The

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Hosted By

LAWYER'S SPRING CHURCH

Anson County, North Carolina

September 17, 18, 19

1999

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Proceedings
Of The 167th Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 17, 1999

The association convened at The Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, NC hosted by Lawyer's Spring Primitive Baptist Church. The congregation engaged in songs of praise after which Elder Rommie Williams led in prayer and Elder Joe C. Helms, pastor of Lawyer's Spring Church preached the introductory sermon using II Tim. 4:1-7 as a text.

After a break for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder Claude McKee and convened for business. Elder Joe C. Helms served as moderator, Brother Ronnie Edwards served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists, who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.
2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches whose messengers were announced by the clerk and their status noted.

LAWYERS SPRING: Represented by entire membership.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Jerry Honeycutt, Marty Griffin, Tommy Hinson and Richard Broadway.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Don Bowman, Lindsay Allen, Edward Willard and Hal Bouldin

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Michael Eudy, Tim Herrin, Melvin Greene and Gene Herrin.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Scott Cole, Grayson Auman, Barry Cole and Gary Robinson.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Marion Byrum, Tim Speir, Dennis Pressley and Lowell Broadway.

PARKVIEW: Brethren John Brooks, Steve Bullard, Elwood Ashby and Randy Wood.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Alan Medlin, Reece Eury, Burin Medlin and Kim Honeycutt.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren L. D. Mullis, John Bowlin, Jimmy Helms and Bill Simpson.

UNION GROVE: Brethren C. W. Helms, Ernest Baucom, Clinton Cox and John Little.

BEAR CREEK- Brethren Leonard Furr, Fred Polk, Greg Almond and Curtis Furr.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Adam Goodman, Tom Vanhoy, Tim Goodman and Tim Huneycutt.

BETHEL: Brethren Mason Anderson, Edward Pressley, Douglas McLamb and Charles Gore.

CORINTH: Brethren Jim Briscoe, Kenneth Putman, Jennings Hough and Phillip Brafford.
HERRIN'S GROVE: Brethren Chris Broadway, Clyde Smith, Homer Freeman and Joe Furr.
MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Joe Almond, Warren Griffin, Reid Shue and Wayne Efird.
NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith and Edsel Thomas.
3. Called for petitionary letters: None received.
4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elders Rommie Williams, Roy Speir & Newell Helms, brethren Truby High, Lane Vanhoy, Clayton Griffin and Grayson Auman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elders Larry Austin & E. W. Hooven, brethren Wilson Greene, R. W. Knight, Kim Honeycutt, Edsel Thomas and C. W. Helms.
5. Called for presbytery reports: None received
6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Tony Parker, Elder Worth Stephenson, Brother Kenneth Stephenson, Brother Harvey Thorne, Sister Violene Stevens, Sister Margaret Pope, Sister Amanda Pope, Sister Christine Hamilton, Brother & Sister-Donald Parker, Sister Tracy Parker.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Licentiate & Sister Michael Meek.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Elder J. B. Huskey, Brother & Sister William Blankenship.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Steve Greene, Elder & Sister Kenneth Robbins, Brother & Sister Ray Mallicoat, Sister Ella Mae Hurst, Brother & Sister Henry Wolfenbarger, Brother Charlie Greene, Brother Bryan Hopper, Brother Zirkle Johnson.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elda Ricky Harcrow, Brother & Sister James Atchley, Brother & Sister Jack Jordan, Brother & Sister Ronnie Cobbs, Brother Reves Brothers.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Elder Frank Buttrey.
7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not have direct correspondence and gladly received the following:
FISHER RIVER ASSN.: Elder Willie Branch.
ECHECONNEE ASSN.: (GA): Elder Dennis Jones, Brother Banks Brazell.
KETOCTON ASSN.: (VA): Elder J. R. Kosch.

EBENEZER FELLOWSHIP (GA): Elder Rupert E. Nobles, Sr., Elder Calvin F. Watkins.
ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSN.(GA): Elder & Sister Manning Temples.
ANTIOCH ASSN. (AL): Brother & Sister Connery Salter, Brother & Sister Wade Salter.
NEW RIVER ASSN. (VA): Brother & Sister Miles Harris.
WETUMPKA ASSN. (AL): Brother & Sister Rufus Bond.
SILVER CREEK ASSN.: Sister Ruby Gaddy, Sister Justine James.
MT. ENON ASSN.(FL): Brother & Sister Harry Horne
LITTLE YADKIN RIVER ASSN.: Elder Vance Jones.
HEALTHY PLAINS CHURCH: Elder Randall Saunders.
PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH (IL): Elder & Sister James R. Harris.
CAT CREEK CHURCH (GA): Elder & Sister Bob Dickerson.
LITTLE CREEK CHURCH: (SC) Elder Charles Crapse.
PINE CHURCH: Elder John M. Draper, Sister Ruby Rash.
NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter.
FLAT CREEK CHURCH: Elder & Sister Gene Hogan.
POWDER SPRINGS CHURCH (GA): Elder & Sister Claude McKee.
ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH: Elder Steven Nichols, Brother Justin Nichols.
AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Dan Parker, Sister Margaret Lundsford, Sister Etta Jennings, Sister Mary Griffin.
JULIAN HILL CHURCH: Sister May Joy Massey, Brother Ricky Massey.
COMMUNITY CHURCH (VA): Brother O'Bain Hylton.
ANGIER CHURCH: Brother Dolph Painter.
NO CREEK CHURCH: Brother Lester Snider.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association.)

LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elders Joe C. Helms & Larry Austin, Brethren R. W. Knight, Clayton Griffin, David Anderson, Leonard Furr, Ray Almond & Truby High.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (1st week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Minutes.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug.): Brother Truby High, Brother John Cameron, Brother Lee Morrison.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder E. W. Hooven, Brother Truby High.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Larry Austin was appointed to write the corresponding Letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn. until Saturday at 9:30 am. with the meeting continuing at the Agri-Civic Center.

Prayer by Elder Ricky Harcrow

Saturday, September 18, 1999

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 am. at the Agri-Civic Center. After Prayer by Elder Calvin Watkins the business continued as follows:

12. We acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items six and seven.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee;

Received from the churches	$7,140.00
Received from friends	$ 333.00
Total receipts	$7,473.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and the clerk was instructed to include it in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

October 1999	High Point
January 2000	Pleasant Hill
April 2000	Parkview
July 2000	Bethel

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Crooked Creek Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 2000 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon. All three days will be held at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, NC.

19. Unanimously agreed to have 1525 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may deem expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His mercy and loving kindness and to the members and friends of Lawyer's Spring Church for their unselfish labors during this meeting. We, also, wish to thank Mr. Leon Warren, manager of the Agri-Civic Center, and his staff for their kind assistance.

Prayer by Elder Frank Buttrey
Elder Joe C. Helms, moderator
Brother Ronnie Edwards, clerk
Brother Ken Austin, assistant clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:	
Received frorn the churches	$ 7,140.00
Received from friends	$ 333.00
Total receipts	$7,473,00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Printing minutes and other clerk's expenses	$ 800.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	$ 6,673.00
Total disbursements	$ 7,473.00
Special contribution to flood victims of Hurricane	$ 3,590.00

Corresponding Letter

To our corresponding associations, churches and friends,

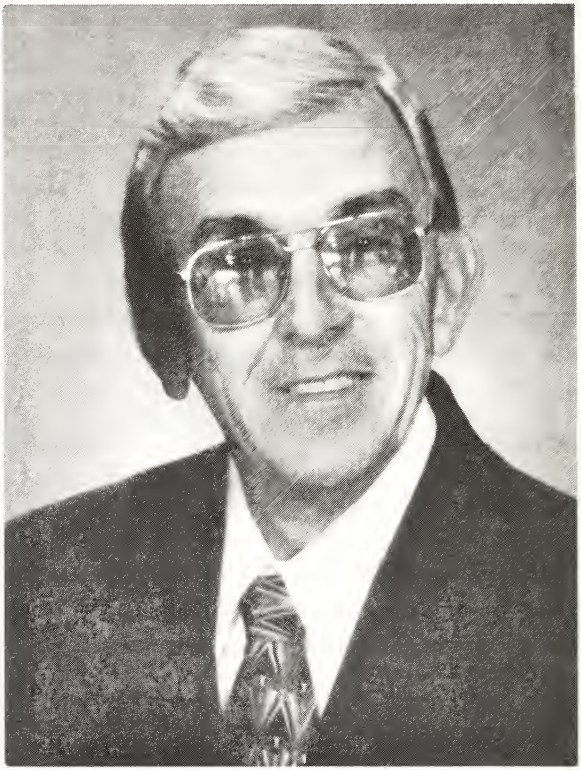
Let brotherly love continue - that is our desire in 1999. As we face many changes in our lives, we are yet satisfied with the good old way and the sacred principles which are expressed in our Articles of Faith.

We appreciate the correspondence of our sister associations and welcome your visitation at this meeting and any other time you can be with us. We pray that our fellowship may long continue in love and peace. Remember us at a throne of grace, brethren, that we would ever conduct ourselves in such a way that you would have a desire to come among us again.

It is our only thought that all that takes place during this associational meeting would be to the praise and honor of our risen Savior - that His assembled children could rejoice in His finished work.

We wish to continue to walk with those who take the scriptures as their only rule of faith and practice.

In brotherly love,
Elder Larry Austin



Elder Paul B. Stroupe

1934 - 1999

Elder Stroupe served Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church from March 1986 until his death. He also served Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Travelers Rest, S.C. His labors for the cause of Christ were valuable and he will be greatly missed.

In Memoriam

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints and precious to us are the memories of those that have passed this life since our last meeting.

Bear Creek	Brother Ellis Furr
Bethel	Sister Annie Jane Simmons
Corinth	Sister Elizabeth Braswell
Crooked Creek	Deacon Buford Hinson
High Hill	Sister Dorothy Mills
	Sister May Pressley
	Brother Earl Crook
High Point	Sister Frances Edward
Lawyer's Springs	Brother Brackie Helms
	Brother Graham Horne
Liberty Hill	Sister Lois Medlin
	Sister Nannie Morton
	Sister Lillie Smith
	Sister Bertha Huneycutt
	Deacon Vernon Medlin
Meadow Creek	Deacon Howard Collins
	Elder Paul Stroupe
Park View	Sister Lottie Venable
	Brother Claude Minter
	Deacon Claude Parnell
Pleasant Grove	Deacon Parks Mullis
Union Grove	Brother Wriston Hill
	Sister Lena 0. Taylor
	Sister Gertrude Greene
	Brother Wriston Honeycutt
	Sister Ann Edwards
	Sister Letha G. Baucom
	Sister Eunice Griffin

CHURCHES	PASTOR
Crooked Creek	Elder Larry Austin
High Point	Elder Steven Nichols
Meadow Creek	No pastor currently
Pleasant Hill	Elder Roy Speir
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms
Park View	Elder E. W. Hooven
Liberty Hill	Elder Rom Kerley
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms
Union Grove	Elder Newell Helms
Bear Creek	Elder Roy Speir
Mountain Creek	Elder Joe C. Helms
Lawyer's Spring	Elder Joe C. Helms
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms
Corinth	Elder Rommie Willia
Herrin's Grove	Elder Charles Broad
Mills Chapel	Elder Rom Kerley
New Hope	Elder Rommie Willia

CAL TABLE

	Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
	4th Jul	1	2					1	33	$ 350.00
	4th May	3				2	2	1	60	$ 425.00
	1st Jun	1			1			2	38	$ 500.00
	3rd Jun						1		37	$ 450.00
	1st Sep			2		2		3	73	$ 450.00
	3rd May	7		2			1	3	95	$ 475.00
	1st Jul							5	73	$ 475.00
	2nd Jul							1	47	$ 350.00
	2nd Aug	2				1	2	7	141	$ 650.00
	2nd Aug	1						1	27	$ 350.00
	3rd Jul	1							59	$ 685.00
	1st Aug							2	51	$ 375.00
	4th Jun	1		2		4		1	63	$ 350.00
	1st May						2	1	13	$ 130.00
	4th Jun	1							16	$ 500.00
	2nd Jun						1		51	$ 375.00
	4th Aug								11	$ 250.00
TOTALS		18	2	6	1	9	9	28	888	$7,140.00

ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday morning:

Prayer. Elder Rommie Williams
Elder Joe C. Helms - II Tim. 4:1-7
Prayer: Elder James Harris

Friday afternoon:

Prayer. Elder Claude McKee
Elder Vance Jones - Matt. 27:51
Elder Willie Branch - Eph. 1: 1-4
Elder Randall Saunders - Rev. 3:7 & 14
Elder Ricky Harcrow - II Cor. 4:1-4
Prayer: Lic. Michael Meek

Friday night:

Prayer: Elder Charles Crapse
Elder Franklin Oresta -Job 1: 1
Elder Steve Greene - Mal. 3:13
Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr. - Phil. 1: 1-3
Prayer: Elder Richard Kirby

Saturday morning:

Prayer: Elder Steve Nichols
Elder Manning Temples - Rom. 5.14-19
Elder Calvin Watkins - "Water".
Elder Kenneth Robbins - Rom 8: 1
Prayer: Elder John Draper

Saturday afternoon:

Prayer: Elder Worth Stephenson
Elder Bob Dickerson - Mark 3:7-21
Elder J. R. Kosch - Ps. 112:1
Elder Milton Gunter - Acts 4:10-13
Elder Dan Parker - Col. 1: 12-17
Prayer: Elder Gene Hogan

Saturday night:

Prayer: Elder Larry Austin
Elder Dennis Jones - John 15:12-14
Elder J. B. Huskey - Isa. 7:21-22
Elder Tony Parker -II Sam 6:3-11
Prayer: Elder Richard Cox

Sunday morning:

Prayer: Elder Dennis Jones
Prayer: Elder Rom Kerley
Elder Worth Stephenson - Rom. 10: 1
Elder James Harris - Matt 19:8
Elder Frank Buttrey -Matt. 11:25-30
Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven

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CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BEAR CREEK: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday night, Pastor.

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Austin; 2nd Sunday morning, minister by invitation; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Saunders; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Stack.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Smith, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HERRIN'S GROVE: 1st Sunday morning; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING:1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor, 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, by appointment; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms; 4th Sunday morning, by appointment.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Smith.

PARKVIEW: 1st Sunday morning; 2nd Sunday morning; 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning;3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Hooven.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of these ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Rules Governing The Original Bear Creek

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship before it has been passed upon by the local churches shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BEAR CREEK: On Canton Rd., just West of Millingport Rd., approximately 6 miles West of Albemarle, NC.
BETHEL: Four miles Northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile North of Hickman's Crossroads.
CORINTH: South Sims Street, King's Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.
CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles East of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles North of Monroe, NC.
HERRIN'S GROVE: Four miles Southeast of Mt. Pleasant, NC, 2 miles South of Hwy. 73 just off Bridge Rd. on Herrin's Grove Church Road.
HIGH HILL: 2225 Concord Ave., Monroe, NC (Between Hwy. 74 and Hwy. 601).
HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Rd, I block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.
LAWYER'S SPRING: Just South of Hwy. 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.
LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles West of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.
MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Hwy. 200 North near Locust, NC.
MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between 1-85 and Highway 601/29 in Kannapolis, NC.
MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles North of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Rd.
NEW HOPE: Nine miles East of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.
PARKVIEW: 3209 Ridgewood Rd., .4 mile South of Hwy. 311 in Winston-Salem, NC.
PLEASANT GROVE: 3.5 miles North of Marshville, NC approximately 1 mile West of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.
PLEASANT HILL: Ten miles South of Asheboro, NC, from Interstate 73/74 take New Hope Church Rd. Exit (exit 49) and go 3 miles West.
UNION GROVE: 3613 Morgan Mill Road (Hwy. 200) approximately 4 miles North of Monroe, NC.